

HOUSE No. 977

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to authorize same gender marriages in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Byron Rushing	Denis E. Guyer
William G. Conley	Martha M. Walz
Elizabeth A. Malia	Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.
Gloria L. Fox	Tom Sannicandro
Alice Hanlon Peisch	John D. Keenan
Alice K. Wolf	Cory Atkins
David Paul Linsky	Kathleen M. Teahan
Deborah D. Blumer	Kevin G. Honan
Douglas W. Petersen	Rachel Kaprielian
Ellen Story	Barbara A. L'Italien
Frank I. Smizik	Matthew C. Patrick
J. James Marzilli, Jr.	Anne M. Paulsen
Jay R. Kaufman	Robert P. Spellane
John W. Scibak	Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	David M. Torrisi
Kay Khan	Thomas M. Stanley
Martin J. Walsh	Benjamin Swan
Michael A. Costello	Cheryl A. Rivera
Michael E. Festa	Stephen Kulik
Peter V. Kocot	Patricia D. Jehlen
Ruth B. Balser	Cleon Turner
Theodore C. Speliotis	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES THROUGH EQUAL ACCESS TO CIVIL MARRIAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 207 is hereby amended by adding the
2 following new section:—
3 Section 37A. Any person who otherwise meets the eligibility
4 requirements of this chapter may marry any other eligible person
5 regardless of gender.